

(iii) Daman — Maharashtra Gujarat, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Orissa, Assam and Andhra Pradesh and Satellite Channel (Zee TV).

(iv) Ahsaas — Doordarshan Channel.

(v) Kargil Swasthya Mela — Theatrical release all over the country.

(vi) Two films on Iodised Salt— Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Nagaland, Manipur, Uttaranchal, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Jammu & Kashmir.

(vii) Film on Family Health Awareness Campaign — Shown to States AIDS Control Societies.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. At the time of release of long duration films, adequate publicity is given through Doordarshan Channels, Satellite Channels, Newspapers, posters and local publicity. Apart from Exhibition through theatres in major towns, most of the films, including the short ones, reach remote / rural areas through the Units of Directorate of Field Publicity, Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) and T.V. channels.

Irregularity in the appointment of local chemists

†*204. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that officials of CGHS in connivance with chemists are authorizing the latter, situated far away from the dispensary, to supply medicines;

(b) if so, whether Government would conduct an enquiry into this; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR.C. P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Some complaints have been received and they are under examination.

Maintenance allowance for divorced women

*205. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news- item captioned "What can Rs. 500 buy?—It's high time the anachronistic laws on maintenance went" which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 28th May, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the various problems and bottlenecks mentioned in the news-item regarding Government's policy towards divorced women in the country.

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir. (b) to (c) The Government proposes to introduce a Bill in Parliament during the current Monsoon Session to make suitable amendments in Chapter IX of the Code of Criminal Procedure , 1973 to remove the ceiling for maintenance and to provide for a monthly allowance as interim maintenance during the pendency of the proceedings in Court.

It is also proposed in the Bill to provide for disposal of the application for the interim maintenance and expenses for proceedings, as far as possible, within sixty days from the date of service of notice on the person from whom maintenance is claimed.

Free medical service by certain hospitals in Delhi

***207. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently conducted any survey to detect whether hospitals/nursing homes which have been allotted land in Delhi by Government on concessional rates are actually providing free medical service to specified percentage of patients;

(b) if so, the details and the results of survey;

(c) whether survey has revealed that most hospitals/nursing homes, including some corporate hospitals, in Delhi are not providing free service to specified percentage of patients;

(d) if so, action taken against such defaulters;

(e) whether there is any permanent mechanism to detect such defaults; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?